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**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A method of implementing a collaborative management application, the method comprising:

- logging on to the collaborative management application;
- configuring an appearance of the collaborative management application: and
- viewing, adding, or modifying items of information pertaining to one or more clients;

wherein said configuring further comprises:

- specifying identifying information for a client;
- specifying information for at least one matter of the client, wherein the at least one matter conceptually links a plurality of related items and the specified information is applicable to each of the plurality of items;
- selecting a component in connection with all matters of the client;
- specifying at least one category for the component;
- identifying a user group for the client, the user group comprising a set of users having some level of authorization with respect to matters of the client;

wherein said viewing, adding, or modifying further comprises:

- selecting a client;
- selecting one or more matters in connection with the selected client, wherein the one or more matters comprise a group of matters;
- selecting a component in connection with the selected group of matters;
- selecting a filter for filtering items for the selected client, matters and component;
- displaying the filtered items to a user;
- selecting a user;
- displaying only items for which the selected user has been designated; and

wherein said configuring and said viewing, adding, or modifying are performed via an Internet web site.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

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adding an item to a component; and  
specifying a status of said added item.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising changing a status of said added item.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein said changing a status of said added item comprises selecting an icon associated with said item status.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
selecting an item status; and  
displaying only items having a status corresponding to the selected item status.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the component is selected from a group consisting of a status component, an outside service provider notes component, a client notes component, a checklist component, and a critical dates component and wherein only users identified as outside service provider users can modify outside service provider notes items and only users identified as client users can modify client notes items.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said configuring further comprises assigning an authorization level to each user of the user group.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said configuring further comprises modifying the authorization level of a user of the user group in connection with at least one matter of the client.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the Internet web site is maintained by a party selected from the group consisting of the client and an outside service provider of the client.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the filter corresponds to a time period and wherein the filtered items comprise items edited during the time period corresponding to the filter.

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11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the filtered items comprise all items added to the component since the items were last viewed.

12. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the item status is selected from a group consisting of hot issue, in progress, and done.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
adding an item to a component.  
designating a user in connection with the added item; and  
responsive to said designating, automatically generating an E-mail to the designated user in connection with the item to provide the designated user with information in connection with the added item.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
responsive to user selection of an E-mail icon associated with one of the displayed items, displaying at least one E-mail group for the selected client, the at least one E-mail group comprising a list of users for receiving E-mail messages regarding the selected client and from which the user can select users to receive an E-mail message in connection with the associated item; and  
sending the E-mail message to the selected users[[.]], wherein the collaborative management application automatically filling in a subject field of the E-mail message with a description of the associated item.

15. (Previously presented) A software program for implementing a website by which documents can be shared between a service provider and a client, the software program comprising:

instructions for accessing a repository, the repository for storing a plurality of documents;

a first graphical interface by which a first user associated with the service provider can log into the network application, can add one or more documents to the repository, and can assign a category, an authorization, and a matter for each document, wherein the matter

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conceptually links a plurality of related documents and information associated with the matter is applicable to each of the plurality of documents;

instructions for identifying one or more clients, each client comprising one or more users having a level of authorization with respect to matters of the client;

an email interface linked to the first graphical interface, the email interface including a list of potential email recipients selected according to at least one client, the category and the matter;

a second graphical interface by which a second user associated with a client can log into the network application and can access one or more of the documents in the repository, based on the category, authorization, and matter for the one or more documents; and

instructions for allowing the second user to view, add, or modify any one of the documents in the repository according to the authorization of the second user with respect to a particular matter.

16. (Previously presented) The software program of claim 15 further wherein the second graphical interface includes instructions for allowing the second user to view, add, or modify any one of the documents in the repository by:

using a first filter for filtering items for the client and the matter; and

using a second filter for filtering items for which the second user has authorization.

17. (Previously presented) The software program of claim 15 wherein the list of potential email recipients is selected according to the client, the category and the matter.

18. (Previously presented) The software program of claim 15 wherein the service provider is a law firm.